

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, Working Women's Hostel, Eluru, W.G.District and presently Retired Superintendent, O/o R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru – Non – filing of FIR on missing of Shaik Begum Alias Manjula from the W.W.H., Xavier Nagar, Eluru – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Dropping of charges – Orders – Issued.

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DEPT. FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS [ESTT. – A2]

G.O.Rt.No.87

Dated 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.96, Dept. for Women, Children, (Estt.A2) Disabled & Senior Citizens, dated 22-03-2011.
2. Explanation dated 26-07-2011 received from Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, WWH, Eluru and presently Retired Superintendent, WWH, Eluru, West Godavari District.
3. Government Memo.No.4762/Estt.A1/2012-1, dated 22-09-2012, 06-12-2012 and 05-02-2013.
4. Government D.O.Letter No.4762/Estt.A1/2012-4, dated 25-04-2013.
5. From the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.13780/Vig.1/1999, dated 02-07-2013.

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ORDER:-

In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above, under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, Working Women's Hostel, Eluru and presently Retired Superintendent, O/o Regional Deputy Director, W.D & C.W., Eluru, for the misconduct in not taking prompt action for tracing out the missing orphan minor girl i.e. Shaik Begum Alias Manjula for three days from 14-06-1999 from the Working Women's Hostel, Xavier Nagar, Eluru, by filing of FIR with the local police concerned and framed the following Article of Charges against her and also directed her to submit her explanation: -

Charge No.1:

That Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, Working Women's Hostel, Eluru and present Superintendent, O/o RDD, WD & CW., Eluru had failed to file an FIR when the orphan minor girl by name Shaik Begum alias Manjula was missing from the Working Women's Hostel at Xavier Nagar from 14-06-1999 for three days. Said girl was kept for rehabilitation by the then Collector, West Godavari. Being the Regional Head Smt.M.K.R.Vijaya Kumari, former RDD, WD & CW., Eluru had failed to take immediate steps to trace out the girl and also to file the FIR in the concerned Police Station in this regard.

The above act of the said Smt.U.Swarajyam for not responding promptly on the above said incident shows her negligent way of performing her legitimate duties which is in violation of the Rule-3 of A.P.C.S [Conduct] Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

Charge No.

A girl by name Shaik Begum Alias Manjula was caught by the Railway Police authorities, Eluru for traveling in train without ticket. As per the telephonic instructions of the District Collector, Eluru she was sheltered at W.W.H., Eluru through the P.D., Eluru on 14-02-1999 and the aid girl escaped from the W.W.H., Eluru on 14-06-1999 and returned to the hostel after three days. Being the head of W.W.H., Eluru, Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, W.W.H., Eluru and present Superintendent O/o R.D.D. WD & CW., Eluru, failed to take immediate steps to trace out the said missing girl and file the FIR with the Police Station concerned. No efforts were made by her to trace out the said missing girl till that girl returned by herself.

The above lapse of Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, W.W.H., Eluru and present Superintendent, O/o R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru, shows her negligence towards performing her legitimate duties which is a violation of the Rule – 3 of A.P.C.S [Conduct] Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Smt.U.Swarajyam, Retired Superintendent, O/o R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru, West Godavari District, has submitted her explanation dated 26-07-2011 to the Articles of Charges issued vide G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, stating that she was joined in the dept. on 04-07-1974 as Typist and retired from service on 31-10-2011 and that she has taken prior permission from the P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Eluru, to avail two Public Holidays falling on 12-06-2009 and 13-06-2009 in advance and the Matron of Working Women's Hostel, Xavier Nagar, Eluru, was placed as in-charge Superintendent and after making the alternate arrangement only, she had left the head quarters and returned back to Eluru on 14-06-1999. She further stated that in the early hours on 14-06-1999, it had came to her notice that Kumari Shaik Begum alias Manjula had dis-appeared from the WWH, Eluru and immediately she reported the same to the P.D., D.W & C.D.A., as well as R.D.D., W.D, Eluru, and that in the absence of the instructions from the higher Officers, she could not file FIR with local Police and also she along with other boarders staff had made a thorough search to trace out the missed girl. While the matter so, the missed girl had returned to the hostel on 16-06-1999 and there is no necessity to file FIR with Local Police as she came back to the WWH with in a span of two days and therefore, she handed over Kumari Shaik Begum alias Manjula to Smt.G.Adi Lakshmi, A.P.O., Telugu Balala Mahila Praganam, Tadikalapudi Center, Eluru, where she was admitted. Further, as per the Lr.No.340/A/99, dated -06-1999, of P.D, D.W & C.D.A., Eluru, Kumari Sk. Begum alias Manjula left the hostel on 13-06-1999 for purchasing of bangles etc. and again during the early hours of 14-06-1999, the missed girl along with Padma Leela had requested the Matron for keys to take shelter outside as there is no electricity at that time. Afterwards, only Padma Leela had came back to the room and given the keys and Kumari Sk. Begum alias Manjula had not returned back to the room as reported by the PD, DW & CDA., Eluru addressed to the Regl.Dy. Director, W.D & C.W., Eluru. The Charged Officer has therefore, requested the Government to drop further action in the matter, as she was retired from service on the A.N. of 31-10-2011, on attaining the age of superannuation.

3. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., vide Letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, has furnished the remarks on the explanation dated 26-07-2011 submitted by Smt.U.Swarajyam, former Superintendent, W.W.H., Xavier Nagar, Eluru and retired now stating that the Charged Officer should have filed F.I.R as missing of inmate is a very serious issue, however, as she has already retired, Govt. may take a lenient view and as awarding punishment to her will not serve any purpose at this stage and therefore requested the Government to issue orders in the matter.

4. In the circumstances stated above, and as per the remarks of the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad and that after examining the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, Government have decided to drop the charges framed against Smt.U.Swarajyam former Superintendent, Working Women's Hostel, Eluru and now Retired Superintendent, O/o R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru, without awarding any punishment and dropped further action on all the charges framed against her, as a lenient view.

5. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

NILAM SAWHNEY,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.

The Accountant – General, A.P., Hyderabad.

Smt.U.Swarajyam former Superintendent, Working Women's Hostel, Eluru and now Retired Superintendent, O/o R.D.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru, W.G.District through the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad / R.J.D., W.D & C.W., Eluru, W.G.District.

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